



Examining Group 1743

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/965,827 Confirmation No. 5681
Applicant : S. MATSUBARA et al.
Filed : October 1, 2001
Titled : HANDLING METHOD OF BODY FLUID SAMPLE AND
ANALYSIS APPARATUS USING THE SAME
TC/A.U. : 1743
Examiner : Brian R. Gordon
Docket No.: NIP-152-02
Customer No.: 24956

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a 3-month Extension of Time, to and including July 7, 2005, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 7, 2005 in the above-identified application. Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1020.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene W. Stockman".

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